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4 Space Patrol reported on his routine tour of the planets. The Space Police "Yes, we have a case for

you," said the caresin. "A ripps See if you can locate him, Lieutenant." Ion was surprised, "What

pector be doing among Sa-The cantain smiled, "He would find gold or dramonds.

the planet Most of them no might be lumps of pure gold or even big jewels. So he went to look for them. A Saluting, Jon Jarl left the

then took off in his one-man rocket ship. He set his course inward from Titan. to where the mother planet hune like a hore moon in space. Only an hour later he had reached the outer fringe they were composed of a myried of tiny whirling

Theory had it that the

hones. Majoly they were plain rocks, however. Still, could Tim Allison's queer idea be right? Could lumps of valuable material also

Roaching Sector B, Jon among the motes. Most of them were less than a few signally a hugo one, bug as

But Jon kept on search back when he saw a small space ship among the ring hadies. He had found the missing man!

AS Jon drew near in his ahin, he saw a peculiar thing The prospector's ship pector in a space suit

rather, he shoved himself laws of motion in free space.

"Tim Allison?" he asked "I was sent to locate you

kine! Yayyyy, I'm rich, I They are ... pure diamond? Ion gasped, looking down at the jagged surface on which he was standing with the prospector. He could see

> "I didn't examine the Allison, "but it looks just

> The prospector was raving

I said some of the rins mond or gold. Now who's crazy? I'm rich." His voice suddenly changed, as he turned to Jon, Flar-

ing suspiciously. come to rob me! I'll-"Don't be a fool," snapped form? I'm a space cop. I was

eent to find out why you didn's return. What's keeping you?" The prospector's face fell and he waved dejectedly at

his ship, "Ran out of fuel, I found the diamonds a week arn and chained them un ready to tow them in. Ther

"It's a wonder you didn't go mad," Jon agreed "But now you can tow mt in," returned the prospector lowfully, "My proubles are

over." "Hmm, weit," said Jon "Pretty big load, your ship and two big rocks. I can tow your ship in all right, but

"Nol" Tim yelled. "Td never find them again, I won't leave my diamonds!

AT that moment, both or them saw a third ship approaching. It was a big space tog. Tim jumped up and waved his arms frentically. The tug saw and beak ed to a stop, Soon the cap tain came across in his space

suit and stood on the rock with Jon. "Just picked up a load of fruit on Saturn," said the captain, "and was returning to Titan, I'm Captain Smollet. What's the trouble here?" Tim explained excitedly. "I found these two big dismende! You can tow me in

"Diamonds?" The captain wes as shocked as Ion had

with your big ship!"

been. And over his ruddy face Jon could see an avaricious gleam already spread-"Well, now, let's make a fair barnain," said the captain, "I'll tow you in-for "Robber?" Tim screeched

tacked the captain in rage Il Ton hadn't stopped him. "Take it or leave it." gruinted the captain "Listen," Tim pleaded.

"I've been a prospector all soy life, on Mars, Tupiter, and all the planets. I never struck it rich. Now when I do, you come alone and went half of my honores Please ean't you lower your price?" Cantain Smollet laughed gratingly. "Those are my terms, I want one of the dia-

onds to snawer, or else I anger at the greedy captain. tinged too at the diamond they stood on, Suddenly, he "Let him have it. Tim," he said. "After all one dis-

wealthy. Give him the other one-the one he's standing Tim finally agreed, renalled his ship to throw out a tow line. In a short time, it was all done. Smollet had ed to his ship. A long towing

mond along. Ion followed in bis own ship back to Titan. When the shins were all safely moored at the Titar docks, Smollet came out and to unchain his dismond.

Tim watched glumly. "Robbert Chast! I should have waited for another ship to come along." "What, and starve in the meantime?" said Jon. "No you had to secret his stiff

terms, Tim. But just watch CAPTAIN SMOLLET began to unchain his disin dismay. The stone was melting? Drops of fluid

trickled down its side and formed a suddle on the "Wh-what is this?" gaspad Smollet, "This is no dis-

Jon strolled up, smiling-"Of course not, Smollet. It bappens to be fee. Plain frozen water. You see, out in space, where it is frieidly cold, ice stays in its solid form. But as soon as you brought it down into this "I've been tricked," roared

Smollet, "I'll take half of Allison's diamond-"No you won't," said Jon firmly, "You asked for one dismond-and not it. It was up to you to examine it and find out if it was real or not Ice has almost the same rafractive index as diamond, and sparkles just like it That's what fooled you and Allison too, He hadn's hothered to avalue it either

You've been neid off, fair and square! And I'm the Smollet stomped sway, mumbling curses. Jon turnad to Tim. "Don't werry

about your diamond, If won't melt. It's the real thing. But maybe you ought

to thank Captain Smollet for the free tow, ch?"











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